



City Hall Connection



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Stay Connected with the City

Visit <https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/> to learn about City government, boards and committees, department news and City events.

You can sign up to receive emails when we post emergency alerts, committee agendas, upcoming events, Town projects and more! Look for the "Email Notifications" button located at the bottom of our home page and choose the items you would like to subscribe to.

Polling Place Relocation Notice!!!

City of Ellsworth Ward Two including Fletchers Landing Township Voters

Registered voters of Ward Two & Fletcher's Landing Township will vote at Your Place Community Center which is located at 4 Old Mill Road(Behind Sunrise Glass) Nov. 3rd 2020. (Temporarily moved from Community of Christ Church located at 283 State Street.)

For a Complete List of Roads impacted by this change contact the City Clerk's office at 207-669-6604.



Visit the State of Maine's Secretary of State home page for detailed election information. Topics like: Ranked Choice Voting, Requesting Absentee Ballots, Registering to Vote.

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/>



As of April 1, 2020, the homestead exemption allows for a \$25,000 reduction in property valuation. Current taxpayers who are receiving the homestead exemption will not be required to reapply for this exemption unless specifically requested by the Assessor's Office. If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1st, and this is your primary residence, you may go to <https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/HOMESTEADEXPAPP2017.pdf> and download the form. Paper copies of this application are also available at the Assessor's office. Please note, a valid driver's license with current address matching the address for which the exemption is being claimed is required.



Halloween is fast approaching! Due to the risk of Covid-19 we recommend being extra careful this year. If you or anyone in your household is sick, please stay home and refrain from participating in any social activities. If you are planning on trick or treating or attending any other celebrations this year please be very cautious and wear proper face coverings (costume masks are not a substitute for a facemask) and practice social distancing. For more tips this Halloween season

please visit:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween



COVID-19/ Coronavirus Information

The City of Ellsworth continues to consult the [US CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), the [Maine CDC](https://www.maine.gov/cdc), and the [Governor's Office](https://www.governor.maine.gov) for best practices as they relate to COVID-19 and reopening our community. We will make changes and updates to our operations and services as appropriate for the health and safety of our residents. We urge all citizens to continue to take safety measures as they venture out.

City Hall will reopen to the public on October 19th for normal business hours of 8 AM to 5 PM. In an effort to ensure employee and customer safety we have implemented some new procedures. We have limited the number of people in the building to 4 customers at a time per CDC and State guidelines. This allows us to serve you while maintaining the recommended 6 foot physical distance. Please check in at our new receptionist's station located in front of the tax office when you arrive. Face coverings/masks are required when you enter the building, disposable masks are available if you do not have one. Hand sanitizer stations have been installed at each City Hall entrance for your convenience.

We continue to offer [Online Services](#) for individuals who prefer to conduct their business from home.



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THANKS YOU!



The Ellsworth Thanks You Campaign is funded by the Keep ME Healthy Grant

City Hall Spotlight

Ellsworth Water Department

The 'City Hall Spotlight' is shining upon the Ellsworth Water Department! The Water Department provides drinking water and fire protection to over 1,600 households and businesses within the City. A **HUGE** thank you goes out to the Ellsworth Water Department and their continuous efforts to provide this essential service .



It's Back to School!

With school back in session and buses transporting students to and from school, please remember to be extra cautious when on the road.

- ⇒ Be alert and slow down when driving in school zones
- ⇒ Watch for children playing, walking, or standing near bus stops
- ⇒ Yellow lights on a school bus mean -Slow Down, Be Aware- the bus is preparing to stop
- ⇒ Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm means you must STOP your car and wait until the bus starts moving again before you can begin to drive again



- ⇒ Never pass a stopped school bus with the red flashing lights on



Ellsworth Public Library is joining Minerva. What does this mean for you? The statewide consortium Minerva offers access to over six million books, audiobooks, DVDs and other materials throughout the state, from both public and academic libraries. Our patrons will be able to place their own requests online and materials will be delivered directly to our library for pickup. Please contact the library (667-6363) for more information.

Did You Know?

You can pay your property taxes, personal property bills, water/sewer bills, register your dog, boat, ATV, obtain a burn permit, and report issues regarding water, wastewater, trash, traffic signals, and parks online by using the City of Ellsworth's Online Services. Check out our Online Services page at <https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/online-services/> .

Welcome New Employees!

- Ben Buffington, PD
- McKay McLean, PD
- Theresa Oleksiw, City Planner
- Eric Beatson, Highway
- Sue McLean, Tax Clerk
- Aimee Barnes, Library
- Jean Pauly, Library
- Renee McManus, Library
- Bobbi Jo Roberts, Receptionist



Although the ghost light is on, The Grand is still in operation! Opportunities for businesses and individuals to advertise on the digital marquee are available. Perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, adoptions, wedding proposals, graduations, promotions, business advertising. The Grand is also available to rent for private events and meetings for 50 or less people. Email today to inquire.

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City of Ellsworth holiday schedule

City Hall will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday November 11th, 2020
Thursday November 26th, 2020
Friday November 27th, 2020
Friday December 25th, 2020
Friday January 1st, 2021



Get Involved in Your City!

The City Council is the governing body of the City and consists of seven elected members, who serve three-year terms.

The City Council meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00PM in the City Council Chambers.

All meeting Agendas & Minutes are posted on the website at www.ellsworthmaine.gov. Meetings are also streamed live on the City's Facebook Page.



City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM